STUDY ABROAD PROPOSAL
University of Haifa International School
Haifa, Israel

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The Program in Jewish Studies proposes the addition of a direct-credit study abroad program at the University of Haifa's International School in Israel. This document outlines (1) the rationale for such a program given the needs and interests of Vanderbilt students and (2) the academic and cultural benefits of the university in question.

This proposal is submitted with the support of the Interdisciplinary Program in Islamic Studies, the Department of Political Science, the Department of Psychology, and the Department of Religious Studies.

The website for University of Haifa’s program for international students can be found at http://overseas.haifa.ac.il/.

Rationale for Proposal

The University of Haifa is located on Mount Carmel, overlooking the Mediterranean port city of Haifa on Israel’s northern coast. Founded in 1963, the university enrolls over 18,000 graduate and undergraduate students across a wide variety of disciplines in social sciences, humanities, law and education. Each year, the University of Haifa’s International School enrolls close to 900 students from 40 different countries in a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs that are specifically tailored to the needs of international students.

Vanderbilt already has a direct credit study abroad program at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. We are also proposing under separate cover the reestablishment of the direct credit study abroad option at Tel Aviv University. The primary rationale for adding a direct credit abroad option at the University of Haifa in addition to Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University is that Haifa fills an important niche that the other institutions only minimally serve: Haifa provides a study abroad option in Israel that can specifically serve students who are interested in engaging with Israel’s Arab sector and in exploring issues of Arab-Jewish coexistence.

A major mission of the university, and the chief reason it should be of special interest to Vanderbilt, is its commitment to the Israeli Arab community. According to its mission statement, published on its website, “the University of Haifa aims to provide equal educational opportunities to all sectors of the society, and in particular to encourage mutual understanding and cooperation between the Jewish and Arab populations on and off campus.” Approximately 25% of its student body is Arab – the highest percentage at any major Israeli university -- and many of its faculty are also Israeli Arab. The university offers many opportunities for students with sufficient language skills to do internships in the local Arab community.

The University of Haifa is the only Israeli university at which overseas students can fulfill their intensive language study requirement with Arabic or with Hebrew. (Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University require language immersion in Hebrew.) The Arabic language immersion option in itself would be enough to make this program attractive to Vanderbilt students interested in the Middle East. Moreover, at present, Vanderbilt students wishing to study Arabic abroad have only one direct-credit option – the American University of Cairo. (During the upheavals of the Arab Spring, Vanderbilt students studying in Cairo were evacuated from Egypt to Israel and enrolled at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. For these students, Haifa University would have been a better match than Hebrew University, due to Haifa’s stronger curriculum in Arabic language and Arab cultural and political studies.)

One of the university’s special strengths is conflict resolution and peace studies, a prime benefit for Vanderbilt political science majors and students with an interest in related areas including international relations and community development. Overseas students can take courses in many areas including “Arab-Israeli Relations,” “Game Theory and International Security,” “Intergroup Relations: Psychology of Conflict and Reconciliation,” and “Ethnic and Religious Conflicts in Israel and the Search for Common Ground.” One distinguishing feature of Haifa’s offerings to international students is its Honors
Program in Peace and Conflict Studies. This semester- or year-long program involves qualifying students in a combination of coursework, internships, field visits, and simulations that use Israel as a laboratory for examining the multiple dimensions of conflict resolution and peace efforts. Additional information about the Peace and Conflict Studies Honors Program is available at the following URL: http://uhaifa.org/index.php/academics/undergraduate-program/special-programs/honors-peace-and-conflict-studies

The University of Haifa’s International School also offers an International Perspectives on Psychological Science (IPPS) Honors Program at the University of Haifa. Designed for Psychology majors, this program would enable qualifying students to undertake mentored independent research within one of the University of Haifa’s psychological science laboratories. The IPPS program also involves coursework in a variety of Psychology classes such as “Psychological Processes Underlying Conflict and Resolution” and a “Multi-Topics Seminar in Contemporary Psychological Science Research.” Additional information about the IPPS honors program is available at the following URL: http://uhaifa.org/index.php/academics/undergraduate-program/special-programs/honors-psychology

In short, a direct-credit program at the University of Haifa would fill a unique niche that none of our other options in Israel address. We can offer students excellent coverage of the Israeli Jewish experience in its many diverse forms if we provide direct credit options at both Hebrew University (in Israel’s religious center) and Tel Aviv University (in Israel’s economic and cultural center). Without an abroad option in Haifa, however, we will fall short in our ability to give students exposure to the wider multiculturalism of Israel’s diverse society. We will underserve those who are interested specifically in Israel’s Arab population, and the culture and language of Israel’s largest national minority. We will also underserve students with particular interest in issues of Jewish-Arab coexistence.

In addition to filling this unique niche, the University of Haifa’s International School provides tailored academic programs in Conflict Resolution and Psychological Sciences that would particularly serve study-abroad-minded students in Political Science and Psychology, two of the largest majors in the College of Arts of Science.

Sponsorship and Administration

Jewish Studies is serving as the lead sponsor of this proposal. It can provide guidance and advising to students on course selection, but it will not be involved in selecting and/or approving students for study abroad at Haifa. The Global Education Office will be the responsible party at Vanderbilt for approving students to study abroad. GEO will also maintain primary responsibility for monitoring the University of Haifa International School program. The Jewish Studies program will provide support to GEO, to assist in its monitoring duties. We have met with Tom Bogenschild of GEO, and he has confirmed GEO’s support for this proposal.

A supporting letter from GEO acknowledging and explaining their role in the administration of this program has been sent by GEO as an addendum to this proposal. GEO’s administration of the Haifa program will be similar to the arrangement for GEO’s administration of the Hebrew University program. (For details on application procedure and GEO’s role, see below, “Eligibility, Application and Selection.”)

At the University of Haifa, student selection and program administration are under the auspices of the International School (http://overseas.haifa.ac.il/), headed by Dean Hanan Alexander. An academic advisor, Dr. Miryam Sivan, is on staff to provide academic support and guidance to students. A Director of Student Affairs, Michal Morgenstern Laor, oversees student administrative matters and coordinates the International School’s social and volunteering programming for students. She is supported by a full staff of Resident Assistants who live in the dormitories and who are a first point of contact for students, providing assistance and guidance, and helping students address any problems that might emerge.

The University of Haifa also has a professional on staff who serves as liaison with partner institutions in the United States. This liaison, Sandra Ziv, visited Vanderbilt in February 2013, where she met with Dean Martin Rapisarda, GEO Director Tom Bogenschild and Jewish Studies Director Shaul Kelner, among others, to discuss the Haifa International School, and the potential for using a study abroad connection to enhance the institutional connections between Vanderbilt and the University of Haifa. She met again with GEO Assistant Director of Operations Isabelle Crist at the NAFSA: Association of International Educators conference in St. Louis in June 2013.

Bios and contact information for the administrative staff are available at http://uhaifa.org/index.php/about/administrative-staff.
Academics and Requirements

Students register for classes through the University of Haifa. Before the start of the semester, students will submit their preliminary course registration using an online registration form. During the first two weeks of the semester, students will have a two-week "shopping period" to select their desired courses. During this period students may freely drop and add courses. After this two week period, students will submit their final registration and registration to courses will be closed.

Vanderbilt University will grant no more than 18 credits for a semester abroad and requires that students take a minimum of 12 credits. (VU tuition is for 12-18 credits). The International School also requires students to take between 12-18 credits during the semester. In addition, although it is not required, most students enroll in an intensive Hebrew or Arabic language course ("Ulpan") immediately prior to the start of regular classes. These intensive language classes meet five days a week for four weeks prior to the start of the Fall and Spring semesters, and offer award 5 academic credits. (Arabic intensive is offered only prior to the start of the Fall semester). For all administrative purposes, including tuition payment and credit transfer, the language intensives are considered to be part of the semester abroad (i.e., not a summer program or a “winterim”). Placement into the appropriate Hebrew or Arabic level is determined by a language placement exam administered online prior to arrival in Israel or at the university prior to the start of classes.

A student taking the ulpan and the normal five course load at the University of Haifa’s International School earn 20 credits in a semester at Haifa (5+15). Because of Vanderbilt’s caps on study abroad credit transfers, only 18 of these credits would transfer to Vanderbilt. Students, guided by GEO and their academic advisors, would choose which of the courses to request credit transfer for. This is a similar situation to that which entails for students enrolling at Hebrew University.

All of the courses for international students are taught in English (with the exception of the Hebrew and Arabic language Ulpans). All are fully accredited and are upper level undergraduate courses. They usually require a research paper and a mid-term or final exam. Students who are proficient in Hebrew or Arabic are welcome to take courses in all other departments of the university. The professors and lecturers teaching in the International School are members of the University of Haifa faculty who have distinguished careers in their respective fields. They bring to this program a high quality of academic and teaching experience. Grading in the International School is as follows:

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Students studying abroad for the academic semester or year will receive an official University of Haifa transcript at the completion of their studies.

Departments and Courses

Below is a course list showing the broad range of courses available in the University of Haifa’s International School. Links to all the course syllabi are available from the International School page at the University of Haifa website. Also available there are syllabi and resumes for faculty who typically teach the courses specifically mentioned in this proposal.

Courses would be deemed eligible for Vanderbilt credit via the standard departmental evaluation process (i.e., review and approval or rejection by relevant department chair /program director or director of undergraduate studies).

2011-2012 International School Course List:

Communications
- Images of Israel: Israeli Society in Israeli Cinema
- Israeli Collective Memory
- Israeli Media Research: Politics, Culture, and Identity
- Media in War and Crises
- Media, Politics, and Public Opinion
Contemporary Israel and Middle East Studies
- Arab-Israeli Relations
- Arab-Israeli Relations
- Contemporary Israel: History and Society
- Contemporary Israeli Literature
- Images of Israel: Israeli Society in Israeli Cinema
- Israeli Collective Memory
- Jewish Ethnic Groups in Israel
- Literature of the Shoah
- Political Economy of the Middle East
- Socio-economic, Political, Ethnic, and Religious Conflicts in Israel - and the Search of Common Ground
- The Economics of the Middle East
- Topics in the Social History of Israel
- Women in Israel
- Writing Israel

Economics and Management
- Game Theory and International Security
- Leadership in Organizations
- Management and Organizational Theory
- Markets, Games and Strategic Behavior
- Political Economy of the Middle East
- The Economics of the Middle East

Education
- Educating for Jewish Identity

Hebrew and Arabic Languages - Intensive Summer/Winter Program (Placement test will be given to determine level)
- Intensive Modern Standard Arabic: Elementary I and II
- Level Aleph - Hebrew Beginners 1
- Level Aleph - Hebrew Beginners 2
- Level Aleph - Hebrew Beginners 3
- Level Bet - Hebrew Lower Intermediate 1
- Level Bet - Hebrew Lower Intermediate 2
- Level Dalet - Hebrew Lower Advanced 1
- Level Dalet - Hebrew Lower Advanced 2
- Level Gimmel - Hebrew Upper Intermediate 1
- Level Gimmel - Hebrew Upper Intermediate 2
- Level Heh - Hebrew Advanced 1
- Level Heh - Hebrew Advanced 2
- Level Vav - Hebrew Upper Advanced 1

Hebrew and Arabic Languages - Semester Program (Placement test will be given to determine level)
- Hebrew Language Aleph: Beginners 1
- Hebrew Language Aleph: Beginners 2
- Hebrew Language Aleph: Beginners 3
- Hebrew Language Bet: Lower Intermediate 1
- Hebrew Language Bet: Lower Intermediate 2
- Hebrew Language Dalet: Lower Advanced 1
- Hebrew Language Dalet: Lower Advanced 2
- Hebrew Language Gimmel: Upper Intermediate 1
- Hebrew Language Gimmel: Upper Intermediate 2
- Hebrew Language Heh: Advanced 1
- Hebrew Language Heh: Advanced 2
- Hebrew Language Vav: Upper Advanced 1
- Modern Standard Arabic: All Levels
Spoken Arabic: Elementary 1

History
- Arab-Israeli Relations
- Arab-Israeli Relations
- Contemporary Israel: History and Society
- Contemporary Israel: History and Society
- History of Jewish Thought
- Jewish Art in the Twentieth Century
- Topics in the Social History of Israel
- Women in Israel

Internships
- Internships

Law
- 2011-2012 Global Law Program
- Global Law Program 2008-2009
- Global Law Program 2009-2010

Literature
- Contemporary Israeli Literature
- Israel in Contemporary Film and Literature: Recurring Conflicts
- Literature of the Shoah
- Writing Israel

Peace & Conflict Studies
- Arab-Israeli Relations
- Arms Control in the Nuclear Realm
- Game Theory and International Security
- Intergroup Relations: Psychology of Conflict and Reconciliation
- Media in War and Crises
- Media, Politics, and Public Opinion
- Peace & Conflict Honors Seminar I: The Dynamics of Conflict
- Peace & Conflict Honors Seminar II: Regional Conflicts
- Psychology and Conflict Resolution
- Terrorism and Response

Philosophy
- Educating for Jewish Identity
- Jewish Philosophy
- Two Approaches to Jewish Philosophy: Halevi and Maimonides

Political Science
- Arms Control in the Nuclear Realm
- Contemporary Israel: History and Society
- Ethics and International Relations
- Game Theory and International Security
- Israel in Contemporary Film and Literature: Recurring Conflicts
- Leadership in Organizations
- Management and Organizational Theory
- Media, Politics, and Public Opinion
- Political Economy of the Middle East
- Psychological Processes Underlying Conflict and Reconciliation
- Socio-economic, Political, Ethnic, and Religious Conflicts in Israel - and the Search of Common Ground
- Terrorism and Response
**Psychology**
- Drugs, Society, and Behavior
- Honors Seminar in Psychology
- Intergroup Relations: Psychology of Conflict and Reconciliation
- Mentored Independent Research
- Positive Psychology: An Introduction
- Psychological Processes Underlying Conflict and Reconciliation
- Psychology and Conflict Resolution

**Religious Studies**
- Biblical Theology I: The Journey of the Soul in Biblical Stories
- Biblical Theology II: The Concept of Redemptive History in the Bible
- History of Jewish Thought
- Introduction to Rabbinic Literature I: Talmud and Jewish Law
- Introduction to Rabbinic Literature II: Jewish Society in Tractate Sanhedrin
- Jewish Art in the Twentieth Century
- Two Approaches to Jewish Philosophy: Halevi and Maimonides

**Sociology**
- Images of Israel: Israeli Society in Israeli Cinema
- Israel in Contemporary Film and Literature: Recurring Conflicts
- Jewish Ethnic Groups in Israel

**Study Tour**
- The Land of Israel: The Jewish Connection (Study Tour)

### Calendar 2013-2014

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**Eligibility, Application and Selection**

The University of Haifa opens its semester and year academic programs to international students who have completed at least one year of undergraduate studies, are currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at a home university, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or the equivalent. There is no language proficiency requirement. Vanderbilt’s own standard eligibility requirements as specified by the policies of the Colleges and by the Global Education Office would also
be in force, including the requirement that A&S students must complete one year of study at Vanderbilt before being eligible for study abroad. We recommend that Vanderbilt not impose any additional requirements beyond the normal GEO requirements. Please note that Haifa’s required 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA is higher than GEO’s required 2.7 minimum GPA.

Students would apply to the University of Haifa through GEO, just as they would with any other of the other programs on GEO’s approved list, using the study abroad software used for all other programs. GEO would advise and screen applicants according to established policies and criteria, in collaboration with the University of Haifa’s offices. The details of these procedures would need to be worked out between GEO and the University of Haifa. GEO anticipates that it would either transmit information collected in the Study Abroad system for qualified applicants, or assist students in completing additional forms required by the University of Haifa. A combination of the two is most likely, and these details will need to be negotiated. This is standard procedure in most direct enroll programs, including with Hebrew University.

Enrollment in the Honors Program in Peace and Conflict Studies and the International Perspectives on Psychological Science (IPPS) Honors Program is open to students with a 3.2 grade point average who are majoring in field-related subjects. The Honors Program in Peace and Conflict Studies will enroll students majoring in Political Science, International Relations, Peace and Conflict Studies, Middle East Studies, Law or related programs at their home universities. The IPPS Honors Program will enroll students majoring in Psychology at their home university. To be considered for the honors programs, students must have already completed coursework in their majors beyond the introductory level. Participation in the Haifa honors programs implies only that the students have participated in Haifa’s honors programs. It will not obligate Vanderbilt or its departments to recognize these honors or to confer honors on these students. (In other words, participating in Haifa’s Honors Psychology Program does not mean that the student will graduate from Vanderbilt with honors in Psychology.)

The creation of a direct credit study abroad option at the University of Haifa would serve a diverse array of students from a wide variety of majors. Although the Program in Jewish Studies is serving as the lead sponsor of this proposal, this proposal is not intended to primarily serve Jewish Studies majors, nor does experience suggest that it would. Since 2009, 22 Vanderbilt students have studied abroad in Israel, half at Hebrew University through the direct credit option and half at Tel Aviv University in spite of the lack of a direct credit program. Of these 22, only 2 have been Jewish Studies majors. (One of those was a triple History-JS-Psychology major.) 91% of the students studying abroad in Israel since 2009 have not been Jewish Studies majors. Three were majoring in Political Science (one a double major in Psychology), 3 in HOD, 2 in Communication Studies, and one each from BSCI, CE, ECON, FRE, PHIL, RLST, and Viola (Blair). Two had not yet declared.

As is stated on the GEO website, GEO will give approval to study abroad, whereas the partner program provider (here, the University of Haifa’s International School) will determine final acceptance to the program. The admissions determinations of the University of Haifa’s International School are based on academic merit and do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or sexual orientation. The Jewish Studies program will not be involved in the screening or selecting of applicants.

Facilities

The University of Haifa has modern, secure, on-campus housing for overseas students and is committed to giving its overseas students ample contact with Israeli students, both Jews and Muslim and Christian Arabs. There are two dormitory complexes available to international students -- usually apartments with either double or single rooms with shared living and kitchen areas. About 1,000 students live in the dorms at the University of Haifa, including students of all social, economic, religious, and ethnic backgrounds. The dormitory campus is fully integrated with Israeli students. Individual dorm suites may house both Israeli and/or international students. Overseas students who already have some language skills can request to share dorm suites with Israeli students.

All bedrooms are furnished with a bed, desk and chair, bookshelf, and a closet for each student. The kitchen is equipped with a refrigerator and hot plate. Students are provided with bedding (one pillow, one pillowcase, two sheets, and one blanket) but must supply their own towels, cooking utensils and cleaning supplies. Laundry rooms with washers and dryers, a TV room, computer rooms, and a grocery store are available in the dormitories.
Meal plans are not provided in the dorms; students should plan to spend $500-$600 per month for food, independent travel, and incidental expenses. More may be needed for the first month to cover initial purchases of household items and books.

Health insurance for all full-time students in the International School is included in the tuition fee. This health insurance does not cover pre-existing conditions. Students with pre-existing conditions must continue to be covered by their health insurance from their home country. Students who need counseling services are welcome to use the Berman Counseling Center on campus. English-speaking counselors are available for international students. There is a fee for counseling services.

The University of Haifa requires that all students have an Israeli cell phone number while enrolled in its programs. The university has signed a contract with Talk’N’Save, providing students with a plan that offers reduced rates on international calls and inexpensive rates to other Haifa students on the same plan. In addition, the University of Haifa will be able to send text messages to all students on the plan automatically, enabling the administration to send emergency updates if needed as well as announcements regarding classroom changes, class cancellations, etc.

### Safety and security

Students and parents can find security and safety information about study abroad locations at the following websites, and, based on the information provided, can make informed decisions about whether to participate in a study abroad program.

**GEO travel warnings and alerts:**

**Information for parents of students planning to study abroad:**

**Student International Travel Policy:**

**CIEE, Health and safety:**

**CIEE, Travel alerts:**
[http://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/alerts/](http://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/alerts/)

**CET:**

### Information about the City and the University

The University of Haifa is located on Mount Carmel, overlooking the Mediterranean port city of Haifa on Israel’s northern coast. It is, like Vanderbilt, a serene and attractive location for students who do not want to attend classes with horns blaring outside the window in a bustling urban environment. Haifa is often called the “San Francisco of Israel.” It is a hilly, beautiful city along the sea but abutting the mountains as well. It is the world headquarters of the Baha’i faith and its landscape is dominated by a striking Baha’i temple and its gardens.

Founded in 1963, the University of Haifa enrolls over 18,000 graduate and undergraduate students. It is comprised of six faculties: Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Science and Science Education, Social Welfare and Health Studies, and Education and boasts a very distinguished faculty.

Each year, the University of Haifa’s International School enrolls close to 900 students from 40 different countries in a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs that specifically tailored to the needs of international students.
Orientation

All students will have an orientation on the first day of the program. The orientation will include: guided tours of the important facilities on campus as well as the city of Haifa, an opportunity to meet the staff of the International School, and important information regarding all aspects of life at the University of Haifa.

Culture and Immersion

While the main reason for choosing the University of Haifa is the desire for a challenging academic experience, the opportunity while students are there to explore and understand Israel is very much possible. For this reason, students are provided with numerous social activities throughout their time at the University of Haifa.

Each semester or summer session begins with a tour around Haifa, enabling international students to become familiar with the city. Then, throughout their time in Haifa, they will have the opportunity to participate in trips throughout Israel. They will explore all of Israel from the green and lush north to the dry and arid south. The University of Haifa offers three overnight trips per semester. Academic tours (trips mandatory for a specific class) on Sundays when students will not have classes are also available.

On top of the trips and tours, the University of Haifa offers social and cultural activities such as concerts by Israeli performers, lectures about Israeli society and holiday celebrations. Students can take even further advantage of the opportunity to immerse themselves in Israeli society by taking advantage of volunteer opportunities both on and requesting to join local families for a festive meal on holidays and Shabbat. Whichever activities students choose to get involved in are guaranteed to have an amazing social, cultural and educational experience at the International School in the University of Haifa.

Tuition and Fees

Students would pay full-time Vanderbilt tuition for their period of study abroad; for semester or academic year students this figure will vary according to actions taken by the Board of Trust every May. Such variance will also affect summer term students, although in this case the rate billed will also vary according to the number of academic credits students will take in either university and bring back to Vanderbilt.

Vanderbilt billing may include additional fees to cover local tuition fees that exceed those of Vanderbilt net tuition as calculated by GEO, mandatory housing fees, or other assessments made by the University of Haifa. These fees will be set on an annual basis by GEO as they are for all other approved study abroad programs, and billed directly to the student account. As with application procedures, GEO will need to work out the details and specifics of these billing procedures in cooperation with the University of Haifa and several business offices here on campus once the programs are approved by the College.

The University of Haifa’s schedule of fees for its semester and year-long programs is presented below for reference purposes only.

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**Please Note:**

- Tuition and fees mentioned above are applicable from summer 2012 and onwards.
- All fees are in US Dollars.
- There is a non-refundable $80 application fee for all programs.
- Tuition fees for semester and year full-time programs as well as summer programs include social activity fees and health insurance.
- Dormitory accommodations are available during the one-year, semester and degree programs only to those students enrolled in full-time programs of study. Dormitories are also available for students during summer programs based on availability.
- Not included in fees are independent transportation expenses including those to and from the airport. Students should be prepared to take either a bus or a private or shared taxi and to incur all expenses.
5 June 2013

Prof. Shaul Kelner
Director, Program in Jewish Studies and
Associate Professor of Sociology
Campus

Dear Shaul,

Thanks for coming by yesterday to discuss the proposal for study abroad programs at Tel Aviv and Haifa Universities. GEO very much supports these initiatives. We believe that the rationale for regularizing our student mobility relationships makes a great deal of sense, for all the reasons you articulate.

The addition of new programs does require a commitment of resources on GEO’s part, and direct-enroll programs of this type are fairly labor intensive in a relative sense. That said, we are eager to develop new options and opportunities for Vanderbilt students abroad. Given the demonstrable interest and support on campus for these two initiatives, coupled with the gracious outreach of faculty and staff from Haifa and Tel Aviv over the past year, we believe that we can develop relationships that will provide good support for these programs.

With regard to the questions you had about the mechanics of direct-enroll programs, I can offer the following responses.

1. Administration of programs. The two programs would be administered precisely as the Hebrew University program is currently, and as all other approved direct enroll programs are handled.

2. Applications to programs. Students would apply to Tel Aviv and Haifa through GEO just as any other of the programs on the GEO list, using the Studio Abroad software used for all other programs: (https://webapp.mis.vanderbilt.edu/studioabroad/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ListAll&Sort=Program_Country&Order=asc&Tab=0).

3. GEO would advise and screen applicants according to established procedures and criteria in collaboration with TAU and HU International offices. Procedural and timing details will be worked out between GEO and TAU/HU staff as needed; we anticipate that a concurrent application system would be required in which GEO would both:
   a. transmit information collected in the Studio Abroad system for qualified applicants
   b. assist students in completing additional forms required by TAU/HU

This is standard procedure in most direct enroll programs.
4. **Tuition and fees.** Students would pay full-time Vanderbilt tuition for their period of study abroad; for semester or academic year students this figure will vary according to actions taken by the Board of Trust every May. Such variance will also affect summer or special term students, although in this case the rate billed will also vary according to the number of academic credits students will take in either university and bring back to Vanderbilt.

Vanderbilt billing may include additional fees to cover local tuition fees that exceed those of Vanderbilt net tuition as calculated by GEO, mandatory housing fees, or other assessments made by TAU/HU. These fees will be set on an annual basis by GEO as they are for all other approved study abroad programs, and billed directly to the student account. As with application procedures, GEO will need to work out the details and specifics of these billing procedures in cooperation with TAU/HU and several business offices here on campus once the programs are approved by the college.

5. **Registration, enrollment and credits.** Students will be bound by all Vanderbilt as well as all TAU or HU academic policies including minimum and maximum credit loads. All approved study abroad students at Vanderbilt must carry a minimum of 12 credits and a maximum of 18 units while studying abroad. Credit loads at TAU and HU will likely fall within these parameters. Variances from these policies and norms will be addressed by petition to the relevant dean, in coordination with GEO if there are fiscal implications involved.

Remote pre-registration will likely be requested by both universities, although final registration and formal enrollment procedures will take place on the remote campuses once students arrive. Credits and course assessments for all TAU/HU courses will be made by the appropriate Vanderbilt department through GEO’s automated course assessment system (https://webapp.mis.vanderbilt.edu/studioabroad/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent_ID=1B29A57E-9EFD-07DC-CB77362D76A19D55&Link_ID=D9D0A705-07C6-4CA3-2AE838FCDC41A39F&plID=3&lID=29)

Over time, approved course listings will accrue on the GEO program site.

We stand ready to assist in getting these programs on the books once approved, working with our new partner institutions, and training staff to attract and advise students who might benefit from these new links.

Best regards,

Tom Bogenschild
Director, Global Education Office
To: A&S Faculty Council  
From: Prasad Polavarapu, Chair, Committee on Educational Programs (CEP)  
Ref: Study abroad programs-Tel Aviv and Haifa

The CEP met on September 24, 2013 to discuss the proposal submitted by Professor Shaul Kelner, Associate Professor of Sociology and Jewish Studies, for study abroad programs in Tel Aviv and Haifa. The committee approved the proposal with a vote of 6-0, subject to recommended revisions.

The recommended revisions have now been incorporated.

The revised proposals are forwarded with this email.

Best,
Prasad

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Dear Prasad,
I added the letter of support from GEO to each proposal. That’s the only extra thing I have.  
Sincerely,
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